

The Mayor's Award for Civic Engagement

Nomination Form---due Wednesday November 10, 2004!

NOMINEE:

Name (First/Middle/Last)¹:

Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Daytime Phone:

Email:

Date of Birth²:

CATEGORY: ☐ Youth ☐ College Student ☐ Individual ☐ Organization

NOMINATOR:

Name (First/Middle/Last):

Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Daytime Phone:

Email:

REFERENCES:

Name (First/Middle/Last):

Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Daytime Phone:

Email:

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NOMINATION NARRATIVE:

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe why your nominee deserves this award by answering all three questions below in a total of 750 words or less:

- a. **Level and duration of participation in political and community activities that facilitate collective decision making:** Identify the nominee's activities and describe his or her achievements and contributions in these activities.
- b. **Impact or change in the community attributable to nominee's activities:** Describe how the nominee's activities have made a difference in the community
- c. **Civil and respectful conduct:** Describe how the nominee has modeled civil and respectful conduct through participation in community and political activities.

¹ If Nominee is a group, please list the group's name and the individual contact's name.

² If Nominee is a Youth, please provide individual's date of birth.

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"The heart of a healthy democracy is a citizenry actively engaged in civic life -- taking responsibility for building communities, solving community problems and participating in the electoral and political process."

Cynthia Gibson, Program Officer, Strengthening U.S. Democracy Program, Carnegie Corporation of New York

General Information

Definition: "Civic Engagement can be defined as a combination of activities in political and community arenas that facilitate collective decision making and through which individuals help improve their communities." *Civic Engagement in Central Indiana: Youth Activities Key to Future*, Center for Urban Policy and the Environment, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, IUPUI (2003)

Purpose: To acknowledge outstanding persons who, through their commitment to participating in political and community activities, have significantly contributed to improving life in the Bloomington and Monroe County community.

Categories: Awards will be given in each of the following categories:

- **Youth (18 or under)**
- **College student**
- **Individual**
- **Organizations, associations, or multiple individuals acting collaboratively.**

Selection: Nomination forms must be filled out completely and legibly to be considered. A minimum of two references will be required for each nomination. A selection committee will judge all nominations and select a recipient in each group. Nominations will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- **Level and duration of participation by nominee in political and community activities that facilitate collective decision making**
- **Impact or change in the community attributable to nominee's activities**
- **Degree to which nominee has modeled civil and respectful conduct in participatory activities**

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General Information (cont'd)

Eligibility: Individuals of all ages and backgrounds are eligible for nomination. Eligibility requirements include:

- **Nominees must be residents of Monroe County.**
- **Nominees' activities must serve the community at large. Religious, fraternal or professional groups providing services to their members only are not eligible.**
- **Nominees' services may be performed for pay, for student course credit or as a volunteer.**
- **Nominees may be elected or appointed political officials.**
- **Nominees cannot receive an award in two consecutive years.**
- **Nominees may not nominate themselves, although they may nominate a group to which they belong.**
- **Mayor's Office employees and Safe and Civil City Program Advisory Board members, along with their family members, cannot participate as nominators or nominees.**

Notification: Nominators will be notified if their nominee was chosen by November 26, 2004.

Submission: Five (5) copies of the completed nomination application must be received by the Safe and Civil City Program, Office of the Mayor by Wednesday, November 10, 2004.

The selection committee will be comprised of members of the Safe and Civil City Program Advisory Board. US mail, email and fax nominations will be accepted. Please do not send photos, videos, scrapbooks or binders. If submitting a nomination form for an organization, submissions may include one informational attachment about the organization, such as a brochure. Nominations and attachments will not be returned to nominators.

Please mail, fax or email all nomination submissions to:

The Mayor's Award for Civic Engagement
ATTN: Marsha Bradford, Director,
Safe and Civil City Program
Office of the Mayor
401 North Morton Street
Bloomington, IN 47402
Fax: 812.349.3483
Email: bradform@bloomington.in.gov

Awards Ceremony: Monday, December 13th, 2004, 7 pm in Council Chambers, City Hall. The awards will be presented by Mayor Mark Kruzan and members of the selection committee.

Questions: Please direct all inquiries to Marsha Bradford, Director, Safe and Civil City Program, 812.349.3560 or bradform@bloomington.in.gov.